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MEDIA ADVISORY

Department of Health Schedules Media Conference Call To Discuss Launch of This Season's West Nile Virus Efforts in North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. – To answer media questions about the launch of this season's West Nile virus surveillance and education efforts, the North Dakota Department of Health will hold a telephone media availability Thursday, May 27, 2004, at 9 a.m. The following officials will participate in the 9 a.m. conference call:

- Dr. Craig Lambrecht, state medical officer, North Dakota Department of Health
- Dr. Larry Schuler, state veterinarian, North Dakota Department of Agriculture
- Larry Shireley, state epidemiologist, North Dakota Department of Health
- Tracy Miller, Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity Program manager, North Dakota Department of Health
- Jennifer Hoff, laboratory mosquito surveillance coordinator, North Dakota Department of Health

To connect to the conference call, the media is asked to follow these steps:

- 1) Dial 866.262.1846.
- 2) Once you are connected, enter *3282378*. (Please note: The star key must be pressed before and after the pin number.)
- 3) If you have trouble connecting, call the help desk at 800.263.3863 option 2.

A news release related to the conference call will be distributed at 8 a.m. Thursday (prior to the media conference call). For more information about the conference call, contact Loreeta Leer Frank, Public Information Officer, at 701.328.1665.

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